

Four Dead, One Critically Ill After Drinking Poison

Midnight Spree Proves Fatal To Four Young Men

Drink Automobile Solution, Thought To Be Wine.

ANOTHER MAY DIE
Section Hand, Farmer, and Two Football Players Succumb.

LYONS, Neb. 22.—(AP)—A midnight spree in which several young men celebrated with what they thought to be wine, proved to be a poisonous automobile solution, and which ended fatally for four young men. Another young fellow of the party who drank freely is near death today.

The dead are Lawrence Kholmer, 24, a farm hand; Nelson Jarvis, 20, a pool hall employee; Leon Jarvis, 18, high school football player and brother of Nelson; Rogen Hollis Cleveland, 17, football player; Rubin Robberg, 22, section hand is the one who still survives.

A coroner's inquest, which was hastily empaneled following the death of Kholmer, the first to succumb, said the death was caused "by a poison which the drinkers thought to be wine."

Sheriff Pitts said the radiator solution had been obtained by breaking into the home of Ed Suther, local railroad agent, when he was absent from his home. The young men broke into the basement, tasted the solution and mistook it to be wine.

Past Presidents Rotary Speakers

Enjoyable Program on Anniversary of Hope Club

One of the most entertaining anniversary parties in the history of Hope's civic clubs was held at Hotel Barlow Thursday night by the Rotarians and their ladies.

The event, which celebrated the 25th birthday of Rotary International and the 12th of the Hope Club, was marked by addresses from seven of the thirteen past presidents of the local organization. President E. F. McFadden turned the meeting over to George W. Robison, chairman of the program committee, who introduced the presidents. Those present were:

Ed Stewart, Mr. Robison, Talbot Field, Nick Jewell, Terrell Cornelius, Frank Ward and the present incumbent, Mr. McFadden.

The other six past presidents were recalled as follows: Jess Riley, Fred Coleman, John Arnold, Harry Howell, of Kansas City, remembered locally as one of the most original of public speakers.

Carter Johnson, secretary of the club, detailed the history of the organization of Rotary International; and Ed McCorkle, who with Talbot Field are the sole remaining charter members still in the club, described the early days of Hope Rotary.

Entertainment was given by Mrs. Talbot Field, in two excellent solos, accompanied by Mrs. Kate Holland. Among the guests not members or wives of members of Rotary, were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lowthorpe, Mrs. Alma Mitchell, Miss Elizabeth Harrison and Mrs. Ross Gillespie.

Following the presentation of the past presidents' program, Manager Matt Price had the club as his guests at the final performance of "Rio Rita."

School Student In Prohi Charge

Indicted Along With Father For Selling Liquor To Federal Agent

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 22.—(AP)—A eleven-year-old grammar school student was arrested here today on an indictment charging him with his father Grover Cox and a third person not yet arrested. The indictment charged the young lad with selling liquor to a federal prohibition agent.

"Miss Arkansas"



Miss Carroll Hewitt, above, of Mariana, Ark., a junior at the University of Arkansas, was chosen to represent her state at the national annual bathing beauty contest at Miami, Fla. Miss Hewitt, a brunet, is five feet six inches tall.

Says Women Should Master A Business

National Field Secretary Believes Many Problems Would Vanish.

"I am an advocate of economic independence for every woman," says Miss Ruth Rich, field secretary of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, who is to speak in this city today and Sunday.

To my mind every woman should master some business or profession even though her parents may be exceedingly well-to-do and it may never be a necessity for her to earn her own living.

"Mrs. Theodore N. Vail, widow of the late president of the Telephone company says that many of the social problems of the day would be solved if women were only economically independent, and I am inclined to agree with her. She contends that there would be fewer divorces if women were able to go out and earn their own living than there are at the present time when many women are dependent upon their husbands.

"Not only would a woman have a certain degree of freedom, which is important to many women today, but they would also, I believe, have an increased respect for their husbands. Knowing of their own knowledge how difficult are the problems which arise in the business world, they would have far more sympathy with men, for more tolerance of their occasional moodiness and fits of temperament. Moreover, the woman who earns her own living better understands the value of a dollar than does the woman who has always been financed by someone else.

"If every woman were a business woman, or had been a business woman at some period in her career, many of the perplexing problems of the day would vanish altogether, firmly believe."

Held On Charge of Embezzlement

W. S. Raney Held In Little Rock Awaiting Arrival of Authorities

LITTLE ROCK, Feb. 22.—(AP)—W. S. Raney, aged 50, who police said admitted his identity and told the truth of 23 charges which were against him for embezzlement of \$31,000 from a Slackton, Calif., manufacturing company in 1928, was in a cell here today awaiting California authorities to return him.

Raney did not fight for extradition. He was arrested here yesterday at a printing concern, and when taken to police headquarters for questioning he refused to say much of the charges which were against him, but police quoted him as saying "There is no frame up about it, I am guilty."

District attorney Darrow and G. H. Garrison of the manufacturing company in which Raney was employed as general manager, said he disappeared the day before the board of directors were to meet.

A surplus of unskilled labor was apparent at the end of the month but the report said this was not felt to any great extent.

While awaiting for officers here, Raney would make no statement until a brother arrived from Chicago.

Business Women Convene District Meeting In City

Total of 75 Visitors Expected At Convention Today, Sunday

BANQUET 7:30 P. M.
Breakfast Will Open Final Program Tomorrow Morning

Approximately 75 delegates were expected as the Sixth district meeting of the Arkansas Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs convened at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in Hope city hall.

At the opening hour of the convention there were 40 official visitors, but as many more were reported on their way to Hope and will be in the city later in the day. Among the delegations are leading business women from Magnolia, El Dorado, Texarkana, DeQueen and Washington.

Headquarters at Barlow

Headquarters are at the Hotel Barlow, where a banquet will be served at 7:30 o'clock tonight. All other meetings are being held at the city hall.

On the program this afternoon are the following: Miss Alice Medford, state research chairman, of Camden; Mrs. Frank Hicks, of Hope; Miss Lane Fuller, chairman of state membership; Pine Bluff; Miss Leonora Wilson, state publicity chairman, of Little Rock, and Miss Margaret Simms, state transportation chairman, of Hope.

There will be the banquet program at the Barlow tonight, and the following additional program Sunday morning:

Sunday Morning Program

Fellowship breakfast, Hotel Barlow, 8 o'clock. Mary Burgess, chairman, District No. 6, presiding.

Emblem Collect—Led by Irene Richardson, Conway, state emblem chairman.

"Of All the Clubs in The Universe" —Page 17, state song book.

Emblem Pageant—Texarkana club.

"Friend Budget"—Mrs. Caroline M. Rose, Little Rock, first vice president, and member state finance committee.

"Our Best Programs."

"Better Business Women For a Better Business World"—Lillie Wilson, El Dorado, representing Miss Mollie Williams, Fort Smith, state education chairman.

"International Relations"—Jean Laster, Hope, vice chairman, state committee.

"What We Do For Ourselves, What We Do For Others" (Public Relations) —Miss Ruth Rich, national field secretary.

"Why Be Sick"—Dr. Tita E. Champlin, Hope, state health chairman.

"That's a Sign"—Irene Richardson, Conway state emblem chairman.

"Keep Our Emblem Showing" page 6 state song book

Emblem benefit.

Special 11 a. m. service at Methodist Episcopal church, attend in body.

Slight Change In Labor Situation

Surplus of Workers In Practically All Lines Shown in Report.

LITTLE ROCK, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Only a slight change in the employment situation in Arkansas during January is apparent in the monthly industrial analysis issued today by the employment service of the United States Department of Labor.

A surplus of workers in practically all lines was shown in the analysis. However, the advent of spring and warm weather caused a note of optimism that farming and building activities were expected to absorb nearly all unemployment.

Because of continued cold weather during January, the report said, coal mines maintained steady operations and additional workers were engaged but a surplus of miners still existed. Little change was noted in the level of employment in the textile mills. Some operated part-time, the analysis said, and a surplus of this class of labor was apparent.

A decrease of employment was shown in the lumber mills and several were shown to have operated on part-time schedules. A surplus of these workers also was apparent.

The report said that additional workers were employed in food and kindred plants and several other miscellaneous industries while paper and printing establishments and the iron and steel industry released some of their employees.

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"Murder Backstairs" Her Latest Mystery Thriller



Anne Austin

ANNE AUSTIN, who wrote "The Black Pigeon" and "The Avenging Parrot," is the author of "Murder Backstairs," Hope Star's newest serial, which begins February 25. In it her famous young detective character, "Bonnie" Dundee, who made his debut in "The Avenging Parrot," will make his second appearance, with as tough a mystery on his hands to unravel as ever confronted a story book sleuth.

Miss Austin, who has been writing newspaper serials for a number of years, turned to the detective serial a little more than a year ago. Her first attempt, "The Black Pigeon," was such an instantaneous success that she wrote three in succession, and of these three her latest, "Murder Backstairs," is easily the most ingenious and most interesting.

In this story, "Bonnie" Dundee solves a murder by means of a bottle of perfume. The author found it necessary to do considerable research work in chemistry before she had her plot completely worked out, and the result is one of the finest examples of mystery-detective novel writing of recent years. Don't miss the opening chapter in the Hope Star, Tuesday, February 25.

Foreman Well Is Making Progress

Drillers Working Steadily and Are Enthusiastic Over Operations.

FOREMAN, Feb. 22.—The Taarre oil test well near here had reached a depth of 2243 feet at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon of this week, with a prospect of even a greater depth by the last of the week.

The drill crew has been having quite a good deal of machinery trouble for the past week or so, but with that, the men have been able to make a steady progress in drilling operations.

A rat-holing is being done at this time with a small bit. The larger bit will be placed on the drill stem soon and the process of reaming out the well to the regulation size will be carried forward by the crew.

During Tuesday's operations, a barrel core was taken. This showed the bit to be in a white lime formation which was said by the operators to be almost pure lime. The formations underlying this strata of lime may be the deciding factor of how the present test will terminate.

The crew at the well is enthusiastic over the formations it has discovered in its operations, and the men have hopes that there may be something of a definite nature struck in their work in the very near future.

It is the intention of Mr. Buck to carry the work forward as fast as possible, but at the same time he will be very careful in the process of going to a greater depth, making a thorough test of all the formation through which the drill passes.

Trio At Lewisville Taking Flying Lessons

LEWISVILLE, Feb. 21.—Raymond Hewett, Joyce Davis and Louis Mershaw, yesterday, completed 2 1/2 hours instruction under Mr. Buck Carter, well known pilot in south Arkansas. They are making fast progress and hope to take their solo flight up about it, I am guilty."

The report said that additional workers were employed in food and kindred plants and several other miscellaneous industries while paper and printing establishments and the iron and steel industry released some of their employees.

Mr. Crouse, of Shreveport, has arrived here to rebuild a plane owned by Mr. Meriwether, of Meriwether Land and Gravel Co., to be completed in the next few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were away from home when the fire occurred. They estimated the loss to be approximately \$5,000 which was partially covered by insurance.

May Organize A Third Party, Says Anti-Smith Leader

Demand Bolters Be Re-admitted To State Primaries.

FLAYS COMMITTEE

Hoover-crats May Convene and Organize Independent.

LITTLE ROCK, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Politics in Arkansas today had become of pre-primary interest to citizens as it pondered over the oral statements made last night by Dr. A. C. Millar, anti-Smith leader, that steps will be taken soon to organize an independent party in the state.

The statement, while not making any definite promise as to when or where a convention of so-called Hoover-crats will be held, was an answer to a meeting of the Democratic State Central committee which was held here.

Dr. Millar, in an open letter to the Democratic committee, threatened to organize a third party unless bolters were re-admitted to the primary with a provision that they might bolt again if nominees for public offices did not suit them.

Truck Growers Ass'n Is Formed

Liberty Farmers Plan To Grow Potatoes for Their Crop

At a community meeting at Liberty last evening a Truck Growers association was formed and those present are planning to grow Irish potatoes for their crop. Officers were elected as follows:

Steve Bristow, president and Newton Rosenbaum, secretary.

Eight acres of Irish potatoes were signed up. These potatoes will be properly graded and packed, and will be sold cooperatively by the officers of the association.

"Seed" fertilizer will be purchased cooperatively at once.

The truck meeting at Liberty last night was the second of a series of meetings which are being held in the Liberty community. The subject discussed at the first meeting was cotton. Another meeting will be held next Friday evening and fertilizers and feed crops will be discussed by the county agent while an outline of the garden contest will be given by the Home Demonstration agent.

George Ware of the Experiment Station ably discussed the results of work done on the farm with the various truck crops. Nebraska certified Irish potatoes gave the best results any seed we have experimented with to date, and I feel pretty safe in recommending these potatoes for you to plant" said Mr. Ware.

A tentative set of rules for the new Association will be presented by the officers for approval or rejection at the meeting next Friday night.

The following have signed up to raise the number of acres specified:

Steve Bristow 1, Newton Rosenbaum 1-2, W. C. Griffin 1, Joke Thomas 1-2, Elmer Calhoun 1-2, J. E. Mosier 1, E. P. CoCoRele 1.

Nation Celebrates Hero's Birthday

Time Set Aside In Congress To Pay Tribute To Washington

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—The 189th anniversary of the birth of George Washington was observed throughout the length and breadth of the nation which he had so greatly took a part in establishing.

Washington and Alexandria, Va., the home town of the revolutionary hero, led the country in the celebration.

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EMPLOYMENT WANTED—Will live in sewing. Mrs. R. J. Urban, 504 South Hamilton, Phone 617 Feb 19-31

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment, Call 317 Feb 22-3-tc

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished apartment with garage. Close to phone 638. Feb 20-2t

WANTED TO RENT—Furnished apartment, must be well furnished and located in good section, no less than three rooms. Write or apply, Mr. Hill, Hope Business College, F. 18-3tc.

FOR RENT—2 room apartments, furnished. Call Phone 876, or see the apartments at 509 S. Hervey, Mrs. J. L. Powers. 17-1f

FOUND

TAKEN UP—One Bay Mare mule, Chas Kendall, Poundmaster.

WARNING ORDER

No. 2249 In the Chancery Court of Hempstead County, Ark. El Dorado Building & Loan Ass'n. Plaintiff vs. Jesse M. Eubanks, et al.; Defendants The Defendants, Newcomb Brothers Wall Paper Company, M. R. Smith Lumber Co., and W. M. Cameron & Co., are warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff, herein.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 31st day of January, 1930.

WILLIE HARRIS, Clerk, (SEAL) Feb. 1-8-15-22

WARNING ORDER

In the Hempstead Chancery Court Emma Stunt Nelson Plaintiff vs.

Napoleon Nelson Defendant The defendant, Napoleon Nelson, is hereby warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff herein, Emma Stunt Nelson.

Witness my hand and seal as Clerk of said Court on this 15th day of February, 1930.

WILLIE HARRIS Clerk, (SEAL) Feb. 15-22, Mch 1-8.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Five Rowden cotton seed. Field-selected, hand-picked. G. L. Johnson, Route 3. Phone 1652-2. Feb. 17-61p.

FOR SALE—Hatching eggs, S. C. White Leghorns. Flock is state accredited. Erle C. Turner, care of Hope Star, P. O. Box, 266, Hope, Ark. Feb. 22-3t

LOST

LOST—Yellow, short haired dog. Lost about Christmas. Reward. Notify Paul Dudney, Washington, Ark. Feb. 18-3t

LOST—Red Durac Jersey female, weighs about 70-lbs., has small warts on hip, was missing Sunday night. (Reward). J. J. Scott, Route 1, Hope. Feb. 18-3t

LOST—Black horse mule, white nose and belly. Weight about 950 pounds. About 5 years old. Reward. White & Co. Feb. 21-3t

LOST—Jersey heifer, two years old, also black boar hog, weight about 150 pounds. Reward. Phone 529 W. H. Thomason or B. L. Rothwell. Feb. 22-3t

WARNING ORDER

No. 2251 In the Chancery Court of Hempstead County, Ark. El Dorado Building & Loan Ass'n., Plaintiff vs.

J. Howard Byers, et al., Defendants The Defendants, Newcomb Brothers Wall Paper Co., M. R. Smith Lumber Co., and W. M. Cameron & Co., are warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff, herein.

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WARNING ORDER

No. 2252 In the Hempstead Chancery court, Margaret Arnold Plaintiff vs.

Ike Arnold Defendant The Defendant, Ike Arnold is warned to appear in this Court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff, herein.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court this 31st day of January, 1930.

WILLIE HARRIS, Clerk, (SEAL) Feb. 1-8-15-22

WARNING ORDER

No. 2253 In the Chancery Court of Hempstead County, Ark. Plaintiff vs.

L. E. Bringman, et al., Defendants The Defendants, Newcomb Brothers Wall Paper Co., M. R. Smith Lumber

Rash Romance

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BEGIN HERE TODAY

JUDITH CAMERON, New York typist, marries A. T. H. R. KNIGHT, executive of the publishing house where she works. Knight is a widower with a son, JUNIOR. In Tony's denouement Judith is a gold digger. Her father makes her apologize. When Junior comes home for Christmas holidays they are equally unfriendly.

ANITA CRAIG, young widow, has a job in the station with the publishing house. He is in love with Tony and tries to convince her father that Judith and Andy are entering on a definite and, when she agrees, strike the pair into a compromising situation.

Tony is carrying on a flirtation with MICKIE, his maid, who is very much interested. This is revealed when they are arrested at 3 a.m. for reckless driving. Tony and her father quarrel over this.

Arthur Knight becomes disinterested in Judith because of her unpopularity. Junior comes home and before he leaves admits to Judith he has misjudged her. After Knight begins to recuperate, he sends a letter to Tony's com-

pany to Judith.

Tony intercepts a letter which comes for Judith. Later she follows him to a typewriter in the city and sees him kiss a young man. She threatens to tell her father unless Judith goes away for two weeks. Judith goes away.

Knight's secretary reports that Andy Craig is missing, too. Judith goes to an inexpensive hotel on upper Broadway. Next morning she is seen again in the city. At last she resolves to return home and tell Arthur the truth. She takes the first train. She reaches the house and faces her father. He asks coolly why she has come.

"It is perfectly obvious now that our marriage was a mistake."

She was on her feet.

"So that's what you want!" Judith spoke rapidly. "I'm sorry I didn't understand. Of course, I'll go at once!"

There was a pause. Under the dark lashes her blue eyes sought Arthur Knight's. There was no retelling in the man's face.

"You understand," he told her. "I am doing this because I think it will make us both happier."

Knight was quoting the letter which Judith had left for him before she went away. The girl did not realize this.

"But, Arthur!" faltered Judith.

"Don't you understand?" she went on, her voice rising with a timid, frightened inflection. "I've come—home!"

"Yes, of course. So I see. I suppose there are things upstairs which you will want. Harry will be able to pack them—"

Judith shook her head.

"No," she said. "There is no need to pack anything."

Her husband smiled slyly. "You're not looking—very happy, my dear. I hope you've enjoyed the little vacation. Be sure to give my regards to Craig—"

"Why do you say that, Arthur?"

"Why—I want to do the right thing. I hope you understand that I am trying."

"But what about Craig? Do you mean—Andy?"

Arthur Knight lost some of his composure then.

"Judith," he said in a tense voice,

"do you mean to deny to me that you came down the street just now with Andy Craig and only left him just before you turned into the yard?"

THEIR was an amazing contrast between the two girls. Judith wore the dull, cheap black coat and hat she had bought in her days as a typist. Tony's scarlet satin was luxurious. Tears smarted in the older girl's eyes but she would not give way to them. Tony looked

at Judith.

TONCE again Judith was about to turn into the hallway when footsteps sounded on the stairs. Little, clicking heels which pattered on the steps. Oh, Judith knew those footsteps all right! Tony's, of course.

She might have rushed into the ball at once, but she could hardly have avoided meeting the girl. Judith hesitated and in that moment of hesitation her fate was sealed.

Tony Knight, smiling brightly, appeared in the doorway. She was wearing the scarlet and white satin lounging suit which was one of her favorites.

"Well!" she said archly, and halted as she saw Judith. Tony stepped back and leaned against the doorway. A cruel smile flickered about her lips.

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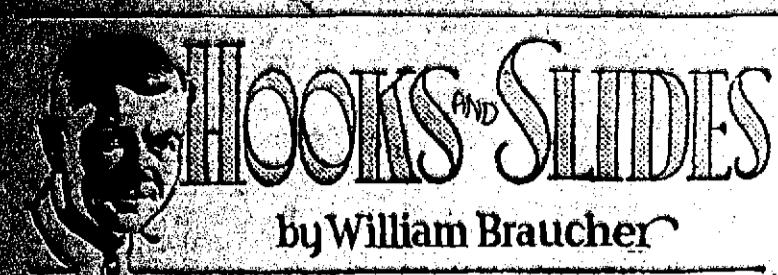
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A PAGE OF SPORT NEWS



by William Braucher

Cure for Insomnia

You see them at the track meets. . . . the high jumper takes a few feet, their legs go up, and the athlete over. During the vault event it is the same. There are dozens in the crowd off the limb as though they were going through the same stunt the vaulters. At ball games fans have known to go through all the acts of Babe Ruth in hitting a home run across the barrier. They will game from start to finish, and so, to the extent of covering in physical demonstrations the actions of the men in the arena.

When Jack Dempsey battered the Orchid Man of France, Mayor Jimmy Walker of New York helped him off in a big way. Walker has a reputation as a ringmaster for governing the motions of the punch for punch.

Many of the Old Fight

The story is that New York's mayor had fought himself into a state of near exhaustion during the preliminaries, and had little of the old punch left when they brought on the main brawl. There was still plenty of spirit left, however, and when the principals entered the ring, you could see the people around Mayor Walker making individual plans to duck.

A giant of a man entered the ringside row just ahead of Walker. When Jack and Georges stepped out and started mixing, Mayor Jimmy began battling right with them. When Georges shot that one to Jack's chin, Mayor Jimmy sent the big fellow ahead of him a fast left hook in the back.

Whenever there was a knock-down, the big-shouldered lad in front of Mayor Walker would rise, blocking Mayor Walker's view, and His Honor would swat him lustily with rabbit punches, hooks and crosses. When Dempsey finally battered the Frenchman for good, the mayor placed a beautiful right straight into the big chap's ribs. The big boy who had been taking the punishment turned around.

"Hey there, young fellow," he said, "was that you tapping me on the back?"

It was your old friend, Jess Willard.

Scores Five Kayos

We are reminded of a scene at the Dempsey-Willard bout in Toledo. Among those in a party means go.

Bay State Jersey Sets Two Records

Milk and Butterfat Yield Top Marks Standing For Years.

MILFORD, Mass., Feb. 21—Ida Clifton's Ethel, a purebred Jersey cow owned by W. D. Howard, here has completed the highest Jersey records for milk and butterfat in the senior three-year-old class. One of these records had stood unchallenged for 15 years, and the other, for five years.

With her milk yield of 18,151 lbs., the equivalent of 8,433 quarts of milk,

in a year, she surpassed the record of Lass 68th of Hood Farm, a Massachusetts cow whose record was completed in 1915, and with her butterfat yield of 1,030.79 lbs., the equivalent of 1,288 lbs. of butter, she took championship honors from St. Mawes Lad's pride, an Oregon Jersey cow whose record was finished in 1925.

Eight different supervisors from the state agricultural colleges of Massachusetts and Connecticut checked the production of Ida Clifton's Ethel during the year of test. In the last month of her record year, which was the thirteenth month of the lactation, she produced 99.26 lbs. of butterfat or more than the total of any month of the test. Her yield of 51 lbs. of milk, or 23 quarts on the last day of the year of test was just one pound less than her yield on the first day.

OUT OUR WAY



By Williams

FINDS STATE BANKS WELL SUPERVISED

Chicago Business to Pay Investigators Instead of Racketeers.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—(P)—Chicago plans to spend real money to get rid of its gangsters and intends to make them pay the bill during the elimination process.

This became known when Col. Robert Isham Randolph, head of the secret "Committee of Six" Association of Commerce crime fighters, announced a proposal whereby a million or so of the dollars Chicago business has been giving as racketeer tribute will be used to secure alibi-proof evidence against the "big shots" and call a halt to their activities.

This plan, Colonel Randolph said, will be laid before the Executive Committee of the Association of Commerce today. If approved it will be put into execution at once.

Business men have assured him, Colonel Randolph said, that they would contribute willingly toward rigid law enforcement, using the funds that ordinarily went to the gangster chieftains for "protection." The money would be used to employ expert investigators.

Added to the roster of alleged gunmen placed under arrest since the crime drive began a fortnight ago was George ("Bugs") Moran's retinue, who returned this morning from the South.

Chicago's only crime of importance yesterday was the shooting of Alonzo Pizziferri, a grocer, who was wounded perhaps fatally in his store. Pizziferri was reticent about the affair.

The first jail sentence in the crusade against gunmen was given to George Mootz, 21. He was sent to jail for nine months and fined \$1 for carrying concealed weapons.

"I was going to sell the gun to a friend," was his excuse for carrying a pistol. Mootz was the fourth of the gun-toters tried in Criminal Court. One was fined \$50, another placed on probation and the third dismissed.

Take Your Alarm Clock

We are just wondering what the ringside customers will do during the Sharkey-Scott fight down in Miami this month. During the Battle of What-er-it last year between Sharkey and Stribling, several ordinarily ardent ringsters, including the veteran scribe, W. O. McClellan, went to sleep. Perhaps the affair between the gobs and the Swooning Swan will provide a good occasion for a quiet snooze. If you are bothered with insomnia, by all means go to sleep.

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and in another he is selected by the banks.

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To Spend Millions In Drive On Crime

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Bankers Body Sees Less Politics in Banking Departments With Better Facilities in the Hands of the Responsible Officials.

A survey of state banking departments by the State Bank Division, American Bankers Association, discloses a distinct tendency the past five years to take bank supervision out of politics, to increase the discretionary powers of bank commissioners, to leaven their terms of office, to supply them with adequate forces of qualified examiners and to relieve banking departments of duties foreign to banking, says a recent statement.

"We have consistently urged that the office of bank commissioner be as free from partisan politics as the judiciary itself and that it be divorced from all other functions of state government," the statement says. "Further, that his term of office be made more secure and lasting, with sufficient salary and power granted to attract and retain the services of men of outstanding executive ability, courage, and banking experience."

"Five years ago the first survey of state banking departments by the division demonstrated the need for improvements. On the basis of data now in hand it is evident that, through the revision of statutes in many states, rapid steps are being taken in the right direction. One by one the states are coming to recognize the primary importance of strong, competent banking departments."

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